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HEALTH CARE REFORM



You Have A New Primary Care Physician !!

By Miguel Cristales, GR Program

As of January 1, 2014, due to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, General Relief (GR) applicants/participants have been auto-enrolled in the Medi-Cal Program. Having access to Medi-Cal allows GR applicants/participants to visit their own doctor for medical services. GR applicants/participants will be contacting their designated Eligibility Worker (EW) to provide them with their Medi-Cal Welcome Packet. Encourage each GR applicant/participant to select a medical plan, a primary care provider (PCP), and schedule their appointment. **EWs, please ensure to check the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) Online Point of Service Inquiry (MOPI) Screen to provide GR applicants/participants their PCP information.**

Existing Contracted Medical Providers are available for services until **July 31, 2014**, for applicants/participants that cannot obtain medical services within the allotted timeframe. Doctors conducting physical examinations should complete the medical verification form for the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). GR applicants/participants will be informed to contact their EW or call DPSS Customer Service 1-866-613-3777.



Coming Soon...Online Redeterminations

By Patricia Ramos, CalFresh Program

Participants will soon be able to complete and submit their annual Redeterminations/Recertification (RD/RC) for CalWORKs and CalFresh online through Your Benefits Now (YBN). This new YBN feature allows participants an alternate method for completing their annual reporting responsibilities. General Relief participants will be able to print their annual redetermination.

Districts will benefit from the participants' use of YBN for RD/RC submission, since the information entered by participants on their YBN RD/RC can be viewed and transferred onto LEADER with just a click of a button! Lancaster and Rancho Park will be the two Districts to pilot this enhancement in 2014. Full implementation of YBN RD/RC is targeted for June 2014. Stay tuned for more information!

DID YOU COMPLETE THE SSP 14 ??



Do Not Forget To Complete The SSP 14 !!

By Shawn Amiel, GR Program

REMINDER!! The Authorization for Reimbursement of Interim Assistance Initial Claim or Post Eligibility Case, SSP 14 (9/10) must be completed for all General Relief (GR) and CAPI participants. When a participant is approved for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) is required to have a SSP 14 on file dated from when GR and CAPI benefits were first issued. A SSP 14 must be completed at In-

take, recertification, and when a SSI Advocate assists in submitting the SSI application. The annual completion of the SSP 14 will ensure DPSS is reimbursed for GR and CAPI grants issued, especially when an SSI application is submitted without the Department's knowledge.

All staff must ensure the form is accurately completed by ensuring the participant signs, dates, and checks the appropriate action box. Staff must also write DPSS as the County Agency, 05-200 as the GR Code, sign and date as the State Representative. For further information, please refer to Administrative Directive No. 4942, dated April 13, 2011.

Wait, Watch Who You Fingerprint !!

Watch Who You Fingerprint !! By Amanda Apon, GR Program

This is to remind Intake General Relief (GR) staff that the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) requirement is only for the GR segment of a combo GR case. If cash aid eligibility cannot be determined because the participant did not complete SFIS requirements, this shall not negatively impact or hinder the determination of CalFresh eligibility and subsequent CalFresh benefit issuances.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) released All County Letter 11-83, dated December 6, 2011, notifying Counties that effective January 1, 2012, SFIS is no longer an eligibility requirement under the CalFresh Program. However, SFIS continues to be a requirement for the GR Program. The Department continues to fingerprint and photo image GR Program applicants for the purposes of determining eligibility for GR benefits only, including any case where the applicant applies for, or receives benefits from, both the GR and CalFresh Programs.



THE GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM HOPES THAT YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY

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